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((OWN CORRESPONDENT V. OKULOV REPORT UNDER THE RUBRIC "FROM THE
 SCENE OF EVENTS": "PROVOCATION ON THE BORDER"))

((EXCERPT)) <><KABUL<><, KONDUZ, APRIL -- IN THE EVENING OF 8 MARCH
 <><AFGHAN<>< DUSHMANS OPENED FIRE WITH ROCKET SHELLS ON THE RAYON CENTER
 OF PYANDZH, WHICH IS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE USSR'S BORDER WITH THE

<> <><DRA<>< ON THE TERRITORY OF SOVIET TAJIKISTAN. ONE PERSON DIED AND TWO
 WERE WOUNDED, ONE OF THEM A CHILD.

<> RETRIBUTION INEVITABLY FOLLOWED. <><AFGHAN<>< ARMY SUBUNITS AND
 <> SUBUNITS OF THE LIMITED CONTINGENT OF SOVIET TROOPS IN THE <><DRA<><
 ENTERED INTO COMBAT AGAINST THE GANGS. WE FLEW TO THE BORDER
 PROVINCE OF KONDUZ, TO THE OPERATION TO ROUT THE GANGS.

BENDING OVER THE MAP, LIEUTENANT COLONEL V. BOROVY OUTLINED THE
 REGION WHERE THE EVENTS TOOK PLACE.

"IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE ACT OF TERRORISM AGAINST
 PEACEFUL SOVIET PEOPLE WAS COMMITTED BY A SPECIAL FIRE GROUP FORMED
 ON THE DIRECT ORDERS OF (GULBEDDIN KHEKMATIAR), ONE OF THE
 RINGLEADERS OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTION WHO HAS ENTRENCHED HIMSELF IN
 PAKISTAN. THE TERRORIST DETACHMENT ADVANCED FROM A ZONE CONTROLLED

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<> BY THE BANDITS TO A LOCALITY ADJACENT TO THE CENTER OF THE <><>AFGHAN<><> BORDER DISTRICT -- THE VILLAGE OF EMAM SAHEB. TWO SUPPORT GROUPS WENT AHEAD -- AROUND 100 DUSHMANS. THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY THE SAME NUMBER OF 'SPECIALISTS' WITH ROCKET SHELLS AND A RECOILLESS GUN. LAST CAME A COVERING PARTY -- ABOUT 50 MEN.

"FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2-3 KM FROM THE SOVIET BORDER, THE BANDITS MANAGED TO CARRY OUT TWO LAUNCHES OF ROCKET SHELLS AND FIRE EIGHT SHOTS FROM THE RECOILLESS GUNS. THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY SUBJECTED TO ANSWERING FIRE. THE DUSHMANS WENT AWAY, CARRYING THEIR DEAD. AS THEY WITHDREW FROM THE BORDER REGION THEY WERE

<> FIRED ON BY THE LOCAL <><>AFGHAN<><> POPULATION..."

LET US NOTE THAT THE TIMING OF THE PROVOCATION WAS NO ACCIDENT. THE FESTIVAL EVENING OF 8 MARCH WAS BEING CELEBRATED IN THE SOVIET BORDER SETTLEMENT, LIKE EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY. THE BANDITS' PLAN WAS REALLY VILE -- TO TURN THE HOLIDAY INTO A TRAGEDY AND DEMONSTRATE THE VULNERABILITY OF THE SOVIET BORDER. THE ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WAS FRANKLY POLITICAL IN NATURE. ITS INITIATORS SET THE GOAL OF WRECKING THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL

<> RECONCILIATION IN THE <><>DRA<><>. BUT THAT WAS NOT ALL.

<> DURING THOSE DAYS THE LATEST STAGE OF THE <><>AFGHAN-PAKISTANI<><> TALKS THROUGH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE WAS ENDING IN GENEVA. THE TALKS WERE ON THE PROBLEMS OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT

OF THE SITUATION IN THE REGION, AND ONE OF THE MOST ACUTE OF THEM WAS THE QUESTION OF THE TIME SCALE FOR THE RETURN HOME OF THE

<> LIMITED CONTINGENT OF SOVIET TROOPS IN THE <><>DRA<><>, WHICH IS TO TAKE

<> PLACE AFTER THE ENDING OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>'S

AFFAIRS. CLEARLY THE STRIKE IN THE SOVIET BORDER REGION WAS ADVANTAGEOUS TO THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO PREVENT A POLITICAL

<> SETTLEMENT OF THE <><>DRA<><> SITUATION AND WHO, WHILE EXPATIATING ON PEACE

<> ON <><>AFGHAN<><> SOIL, WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN A CONSTANT SEAT OF TENSION THERE, ON THE USSR'S SOUTHERN BORDERS.

IT IS NO SECRET WHOSE DESIGNS THESE ARE. THEY WERE BLURTED OUT, FOR INSTANCE, BY FRED IKLE, U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY, IN A RECENT WASHINGTON TIMES INTERVIEW. HOSTILE ARMED FORMATIONS, HE STATED (THAT IS, THE DUSHMANS), COULD VIOLATE "THE USSR'S VULNERABLE SOUTHERN BORDER."

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TAKE 2 OF 2 -- PRAVDA REPORTS DUSHMAN SHELLING OF SOVIET VILLAGE
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((EXCERPT)) THE SHELLING OF PYANDZH WAS CLEARLY SUPPOSED TO
BACK UP WITH FIRE THE PROPHECY OF THE "POLITICIAN" FROM THE U.S.
WAR DEPARTMENT.

...THE BANDITS HAD THEIR ANSWER WITHOUT DELAY. THE GREEN ZONE
IN THE NORTH OF KONDUZ PROVINCE, WHERE THE DUSHMANS HAD GATHERED TO
SIT IT OUT IN THEIR "PERMANENT QUARTERS," WAS ENCIRCLED. SOVIET
<> AND <><>AFGHAN<><> TROOPS SUGGESTED THAT THE PEACEFUL INHABITANTS LEAVE THE
GANGS' ZONE OF OPERATIONS SO AS TO AVOID LOSSES. THOUSANDS OF
VILLAGERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LEFT THE RING THROUGH FILTRATION
POINTS. SOME DUSHMANS TRIED TO ESCAPE RETRIBUTION BY MINGLING WITH
THE CROWD. A FEW BANDITS WERE CAUGHT TRYING TO SLIP OUT CLAD IN
CHADORS.

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THEN, WITH THE SANCTION OF THE <><>DRA<><> SUPREME EXTRAORDINARY
COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, ANNIHILATING FIRE WAS
OPENED ON THE BASES OF THE BANDITS WHO HAD BROKEN THE TRUCE.

A FEW DAYS LATER WESTERN RADIO STATIONS FILLED THE AIR WITH
REPORTS THAT SOVIET TROOPS ARE SUPPOSEDLY SUFFERING ENORMOUS LOSSES
[REDACTED]

IN FIERCE FIGHTING NORTH OF KONDUZ CITY. UNTHINKABLE FIGURES WERE CITED, WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO TESTIFY TO THE DUSHMANS' INVULNERABILITY.

BUT THE REVERSE WAS ACTUALLY TRUE. THE BANDITS' LOSSES ARE NUMBERED IN MANY DOZENS OF DEAD. HUNDREDS OF DUSHMANS SURRENDERED TO THE <><>AFGHAN<><> AUTHORITIES. GANGS WERE ROUTED. ONLY INSIGNIFICANT REMNANTS OF THE ARMED GROUPS WHICH HAD REGARDED THE GREEN ZONE NORTH OF KONDUZ AS THEIR STRONGHOLD MANAGED TO SLIP OUT OF THE RING. THE EPICENTER OF THE OPERATION SHIFTED TO THE "GREEN" AREA ((ZELENKA)) NORTHWEST OF THE PROVINCIAL CENTER. HERE THE GANGS OF (KLYCH), (ORTABULAKI), (CHUGAI), AND (MIRZY NASRI), WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR BLOODY DEEDS, HAVE SETTLED.

5-2 <> SOVIET SUBUNITS ARE BLOCKING THE EXITS FROM THE "GREEN." <><>AFGHAN<><> INFANTRY UNITS HAVE SET ABOUT PURGING THE VILLAGES OF DUSHMANS. ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) (ENDALL) 2 APR [REDACTED]

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